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USE AND DISUSE OF THE LIBRARY.

We are especially fortunate in having so well an equipped library at our disposal, one that contains the best of reference books on various subjects, standard works of fiction, history, law, engineering, agriculture, chemistry and the classics. It furnishes ample material for study along different lines and the students of the several colleges and departments can all find a section of the library devoted to their needs. They are taking advantage too, of this opportunity. At all hours, when the library is open, students may be seen there, improving their spare moments rather than loitering outside on the campus.

Good reading ought to appeal to every student, and as much time as possible should be spent in this most profitable occupation. We now have the means at our hands without going to the city library and everyone ought accordingly to make use of that fact. The books have been selected with great care, in order that they may be suited to the requirements of the students. They are entertaining and instructive and an hour of recreation may be spent among them as well as one of study.

There are few things, however, that do not have some bad qualities and the management of the library has its faults. These are in connection with the hours of keeping it open. Very few of the students, with the exception of those in the College of Law, can spend any of the morning in the library. A large number have the time available in the afternoon and consequently more are to be found there at that time of day than at any other. Still, there are some who can very rarely, if ever, have the time free for study and reading during the hours that the library is open.

Students in some of the engineering and scientific courses have very little time at their disposal during the day. So they derive practically no benefits from the abundant fund of knowledge put here for the use of all.

When any great number of students are inconvenienced by a certain thing,

some change ought to be made. Here something needs to be done. The library should be kept open for two or three hours at night for the use of all such students who are busy during the day and can study only at night.

This is not all, however. Many who can go to the library, as it is now kept open, could do much more work there if it were open at night. It is an extreme hardship not to be allowed to take advantage of its excellent sources of information at whatever time possible.

Mention of this need of longer hours for study in the library has been made before, but this is a question of much importance and one that looms into prominence of its own account.

There is a very valuable collection of books in the library and one that would do credit to any library, but it cannot be of the assistance to the student body that is intended, until it is kept open practically all hours of the day, and up until nine or ten o'clock at night.

ODE TO A LONE PINE.

On a mountain high, 'neath the vaulted sky.
A giant pine tree stands,
Lulled by the roar as the waters pour
O'er the shifting golden sands;
And the breezes sigh as they pass by
When they hear the pine's low groan,
For it tells the grief of a love that is deep,
'Tis a mother's hushed moan.
For her heart is below where the flowers grow,
And her needles lie thick and dead
Where the sweet perfumes of wild-flowers' blooms
Float over o'er their dead.

And there they sleep while the shadows creep
Up from the vale below;
While the stars peep through the deepening blue,
And the night winds softly blow.
She standeth guard o'er her precious ward,
Nor signs when the hours grow late,
While the whippoorwill from a distant hill

Calls to his listening mate.
Through sunshine warm or winter's storm,
She keeps her vigil still,
While the violets sleep neath the snowdrifts deep
Beside the ice-bound rill.

C. E. B.

OUR LITERARY SOCIETIES.

"For solitude is sometimes best society;
A short retirement urges sweet return."

Our Literary Societies are attended by individuals that have lofty ideas in life. Not that they expect to become parliamentarians of distinction, but for the making of a personality; a ready spokesman who can express his views while standing. The student that never attends a literary society will in school certainly fail to add one valuable asset to his or her preparation to meet the world halfway. Those who say they cannot speak are the ones that would be most benefitted by joining a society.

Old members have come back after leaving school and fighting in the world for several years, and their testimony is always encouraging to men and women struggling to become at ease on the platform. One says that his training in literary society was worth more than any one study he pursued in college; another springs to his feet and declares his to be worth more than his entire college course. No one can dispute the value of such work.

We have seen youths come in the societies trembling in the knees, with quivering lips, and blushing; but, through perseverance and continued labor the timidity is shaken off, the thoughts and vocabulary are thrown open to the tongue, and the once backward student blooms out into a brilliant speaker. This is a rare accomplishment and an able advocate is an able man or an able woman. The age of eloquence shall never pass. Because a speaker feels, he makes others feel. "So long as there are human rights to be defended; as long as there are great interests to be guarded; and as long as the welfare

of nations is a matter of discussion, so long will public speaking have its place." Literary Societies make the evening of meeting very pleasant. You should join and learn to touch, with speech, the heart of the hearer.

AGRICULTURAL NEWS.

The Agricultural Department is doing a greater work today than ever before and is making the University known not only in our own state but throughout the country. It has been the aim of the school to make this the best and foremost agricultural school in the South. The work done by our boys, in the recent contest at Chicago, was very satisfactory indeed, and although they were new to the ropes, they showed their efficiency in the work in which they have been trained. After realizing their errors it is safe to say that we will send a team that shall be as good as the best.

It is the aim of the Department to reach every farmer in the country and they are awakening more people to the advantages which agriculture offers than ever before. The Corn Show which will be held here from June 3 to 6, will no doubt have a large attendance. These shows have better meetings each year and questions of great importance are discussed. The man who is interested in the least of these matters will find that it is well worth his time to attend these shows.

There will be, in addition to cereals, stock-judging contests at which premiums will be given to the successful competitors.

In regard to the Agricultural Society, we want to urge upon every Agricultural Student, to attend these meetings, which are held every Friday night in the Agricultural Building, as it will be a great source of good to all who attend.

Prof. Noe:—All reporters are ignoramus.

Miss L.:—Why?

Prof. Noe:—The other day I gave a reporter "Yankee Doodle versus Dixie", as the subject of my address, and it appeared in the paper "Yankee Doodle versus Dixie."

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It was five-thirty on the third floor of Patterson Hall when the first alarm clock in the building gave a loud "B-r-r-r." One of the inmates of that front room immediately awoke and shortly after the third floor resounded with "Blanche, Blanche, oh Blanche!" mingled with various bangs and grunts of dissatisfaction from the other side of that bolted door.

Peace reigned for thirty minutes, and now the faint tinkle of the rising bell crept upstairs but failed to disturb the slumbering maidens; one by one the other alarm clocks on that hall joined in the many toned serenade and calls for "soap" and "pins" could be heard, ending in a wild rush down stairs one half hour after the ringing of the breakfast bell, which no one heard.

The first sensation of the morning was at the Senior table, when it was discovered that Bess and Marion had exchanged hair for the day, and then a simultaneous attack was made by all tables on the sausage and biscuit.

Breakfast over, one by one they crept like snails to school, each one calling as the front door banged, "be sure to bring me mail." In the still silence of the deserted halls one could hear plainly a hurried discussion on the first floor corridor as to "which should wear the blue sweater today", then all was silent again.

The days work had commenced and soon the bugle was heard calling attention to the fact that chapel hour had come. Eager for a few minutes repose, those who could not escape the watchful eyes of Aunt Lucy, have made their way up stairs and have slipped into the back seat, the only place where it can be truly said "there is always room for one more." Demure and calm they drop their eyes in study, and await results.

At last! Irene has remembered that it was dessert day which she proceeded to announce with joyous smile to the assembly at large. Great were the hopes and greater the anxiety concerning the dessert that day, and the girls passed out in solemn meditation. It is to be feared that the dinner, while better than usual, was rather slighted; minds were turned to thoughts of pie and eyes were glued on the kitchen door. The door opened and in majestic style the dessert was brought to view. Jam roll! Irene looked at Ruth, Ruth returned the glance and both stumbled from the table and out of the room through a mist of tears.

The afternoon passed on, and not until supper did the damsels again assemble. The air was heavy with suspense for it had been rumored that Bess was to make an announcement, and each table listened breathlessly to her statement that "Johnsing has finished Kinky's lectures"! A few minutes after this marvelous occurrence, the first chords of "Grizzly

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Total darkness! The lights have winked! Bring forth the lamp while Latin, Trig and Physics are learned—never to be forgotten.

And at twelve, peace reigned again, except for the note-book fiend, and the gentle snores of the dormitory damsels could be heard at the University on the hill.

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

Miss Bell Horton, of Paris, was the guest Saturday and Sunday of Miss Margaret Edwards.

Miss Nora Campbell spent the weekend at her home in Nicholasville.

The Marlowe Club entertained the faculty and students most delightfully on last Saturday evening with a comedy, followed by an informal reception. The comedy was entitled "A Broken Engagement," and Misses Hatcher, Paull, Troutman and McMurray composed the cast.

Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Omicron celebrated their founders-day Monday evening, December 12th, at Hughes & Co. The table was beautifully decorated, suggesting Christmas, and the colors, ruby and pink, were carried out in carnations and candles. Miss Julia W. Connelly made a delightful toast-mistress and toasts were given by the following: Miss Erna Watson, Hattie Cleo Smith, Mazie Turner, and Estelle Biggerstaff. The members of the active chapter were those present.

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"PASSING OF THE YEAR."

As the present year fades into the past and the shades of evening hover over the passing days, it becomes appropriate that we review somewhat its history, not with any critical or fault-finding eye, but merely a kindly retrospect of the past, calling up its memories of various happenings experiences, acquaintances we have made, or perhaps friendships that have gone astray.

There is a certain strangeness felt in calling old memories and acting again scenes half forgotten. It is something like reading the old letters of a friend who has died, and living over the days of his acquaintance. Indeed, the past is full of allurements, especially for the old, who love to recall their youth and spend their time in dreaming of the olden days.

Rather a sad thing is the end of the year, or even of a day, if one stops to think and consider. However, as a general thing, little time is taken for reflection, but we rush on from one day to another, from this year to the next, without learning from the past all that it has to teach, not pausing long enough to discern the cause of failures and misfortunes, that we may be able to apply the knowledge thus gained to future endeavors. What a great advance there would be in human enterprises of all kinds if men would only profit by past experiences.

A year is a long time when one considers all the events crowded into it, but it passes quickly; indeed so quickly that perhaps we do not, can not, realize all that we have undergone until time gives a prospective and we look back from a distance, better enabled to understand by more experiences that have come to us. However that may be, it is still a good thing to pause sometimes and reflect, even if we seem no wiser for it; in time these past situations and conditions, instead of growing dimmer, will become more real and exert much influence on the future.

Varied fortunes have followed this University during the year, a good, bad, and indifferent, but take it all in all, one must say that the good has far surpassed the bad. At any rate, there has been honest and earnest endeavor, which, after all, is what counts and upon which all so-called fortune depends; for one can scarcely reckon the worth of a man by his successes, but the real estimate of his character is obtained by observing how he has tried to succeed. Volumes could be written on the life of Kentucky State during 1910, but for want of space it can not be touched upon here, as this is not a critical review but only a few general remarks on the pleasure and value of memories.

And so let each of us go over the year's hopes, endeavors, and accomplishments. If wrong has been done, and it would seem that such must necessarily have been so, let us try

to correct it during the coming year; if enemies have been made, surely they must not be so forever; and the friendships we have made, if they are good, let us strengthen them until they are not affected by the common worries and vexations of the day.

Thus if we will turn back the leaves of the book of time and see our follies and our struggles, our losses and our successes, joys and sorrows, we will have a much better chance of understanding the future as it comes, and of making our lives what they should be.

ATHLETIC AIMS.

State Remains in S. I. A. A.

It is an undeniable fact that the University has sustained a great loss in the person of Mr. Sweetland, and it seems now almost impossible to secure a man who can take up the work that he has managed so well. Even should we secure a coach as well qualified as he, there would be lacking the confidence and the esteem in which he is held by the faculty and student body. But is certain that the training and the fighting spirit which he has developed will remain long after he has gone.

Perhaps never before has there been a greater effort made to secure clean athletics than at the present time. In the meeting of the S. I. A. A. at Birmingham last week, the rule was passed making 14 units the entrance requirement for all players and it is needless to say that this rule shall be rigidly enforced in the future contests.

State shall play the Kentucky teams next year but shall be governed by the rules of the S. I. A. A. and all teams with which they engage must meet the requirements. Prof. Miller gave out the statement that so far, no coach has been secured for next year.

The basketball outlook seems very promising and with three of our old men back and several more who are showing up well we see no reason why we should not win a majority of the games.

We are indeed fortunate in having a man like Judge Barker for President. He stands for fairness in athletics, and a man who would rather see his team lose than win by dishonesty. This is the spirit we intend to foster, for the day of the ringer is over. It must be bona-fide students who shall play the games of the future and we believe our sister institutions will join their efforts with our own so that we may have games that shall delight the true sportsman's heart and no matter the affiliations, let this be our motto: "May the best team win."

This issue of the "Idea" ought to make the Associate Editors ashamed of themselves. Read it all, ye literary aspirants, who are inactive.

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Dear Sir:—

As this my last issue of the "Idea", I take the liberty to write you in regard to its editorial management, and some of the few existing circumstances that hinder the progress of the paper.

On a separate sheet you will find a list of the twenty associate members of the staff. The following you can rely upon to do their duty toward making the paper a success. And I take great pleasure in recommending them to you and request that they remain on your staff:

Miss Alice Cary Williams,
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Mr. H. A. Babb,
Mr. J. V. Lewis,
Mr. M. M. Harrison.

The remaining, I cannot recommend, but you can do as you please in regard to them. I judge in this matter from the support they gave me; perhaps they are willing to better work under your leadership.

I do not reject these men for any personal reasons; far from that, I believe it is for the best interest of the paper and for a greater satisfaction on your part, to know that each week you have a squad you can rely upon to get out an issue.

As I have severed all official connections with the paper, I will say that the present plan of handling the editorial operations is inadequate to obtain the best publication. Furthermore I do not believe there can be a better paper developed here until there is an incentive given for this work; not a compensation or salary, for the

time and labor spent, but University credits be given.

My conceptions of a college weekly is not strictly a newspaper, but a paper in which are discussed the various problems in the University, a paper in which the voice of the student body and faculty is expressed, a paper in which are expressed higher ideas, nobler principles, and loftier sentiments, a paper whose best interest is to build up the University.

Since I have been unable to make the staff see it in this light, I have, to that extent, failed in its publication, and realizing my inability, I offered my resignation as editor, that some one else might be elected that could fill the place more efficiently.

The co-operation on the part of the students as a whole is another point which I met with that was not at all satisfactory. Very few have contributed any articles except those that were on the staff. The students fail to realize that it is their publication, and that it is to the best interest of the paper to support it.

I do not write this letter in order to discourage you, but to explain the difficulties that you will meet with so that you may make a wise selection in choosing your co-workers, and that you may be prepared to meet these difficulties.

I am willing to do all I can to help you in its publications, and do not hesitate in asking me aid, if you find that I can be of service to you.

Yours for the success of the "Idea".

ELMO BAIRD.

NOTICE! BASE BALL MEN!

As the Athletic Association does not furnish candidates for the base ball team with uniforms in which to practice, it is advisable that those who expect to try for the team bring from home with them when you return after

Christmas any base ball clothing they may possess. Practice will commence shortly after Christmas.

The Manager.

NOTICE!

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WHAT WILL HE LOOK LIKE.

For all we know, the gender of the year may be feminine, so full of caprice and whim do we find it, still, to be in harmony with general opinion and the cartoonist, let's picture the passing year as an old, old man, who "seen his day and done it noble." But he has grown tired, now, and on the first day of January a sprightly little fellow called "New Year" will take his place.

Stretching our imagination a bit, we can pull off a little paraphrase on this tableau, fitting the characters to our own University life.

Now, while in point of age, ex-President Patterson cannot be well compared to the "Grand Old Man" of the year; neither can we receive "The Judge" as a precious cherub blissfully conscious of his newly-sprouted wings. Still, the year will come and the Judge will come, and the two of them should make a prize winning team. What they WILL do is for them to know and for us to find out.

In our mind's eye, however, we can see the "Board," won by OUR "Marse Henry's" eloquence, putting several thousand yards of concrete walks about the campus; and perhaps having a model "Roosters' Roost" erected in place of the ancient dorms."

Our chums, (?) the "Profs." will keep their New Year's resolutions to be sweet and amiable all the year; to smile fondly upon the backward and not be peeved without cause—and so on "ad infinitum."

In short: what we want the New Year to look like, it WILL look like—that is, if we want it enough.

VARSITY MUSIC.

Who can say that K. S. U. is not musical? If any man speak thus, let him come hence and listen. Brass band, Glee Club, Mandolin Club, and last, but by no means least, several bands of gay troubadours; all these penetrate the calm atmosphere with rare strains of melody.

The University Band, a gallant group of military musicians, under the leadership of Prof. Grella, makes merry with music all such joyous occasions as football rallies, cadet hops, and drill. Ah! what must our beloved University be without such a source of harmony as this?

And here also is the home of the Mandolin Club. This is a new undertaking on the part of our boys, but it is not without success. In this club there are about sixteen young men of pronounced talent, and under the tutelage of Prof. Wheeler this organization is making rapid strides toward musical fame. Ours is the only college in the South or West that is the proud possessor of a Mandolin Club and is it not our duty as well as our pleasure to support it? Nine Rahs for the Mandolin Club.

Working under the same worthy

leader is that now famous bunch known as the Glee Club. It is wholly unnecessary to introduce these friends to our readers, for by their extensive tours they have gained for themselves an enviable reputation at home and abroad as singers of rare ability. This is due partly to their own marked talent and partly to the able directorship of Prof. Wheeler. To him we owe a great debt of gratitude as well as one of more substantial matter. The first of the out-of-town series of concerts given this year by the club is Thursday evening, December 15th, in Versailles. This series is sure to prove a great success, since their former excellent programs will be supplemented by attractive numbers by the Mandolin Club.

And now we come to that important factor in college life—the serenader. Who of the fair damsels, daughters of old K. S. U., has not been aroused from her slumbers by the charming notes of the gay, gallant troubadour? Who has not searched through closet and chest for some stray morsel to tickle the palates of the song birds below? It is difficult to say how many quartettes, trios, and other combinations exist in our institution; but this we do know, without them college life would indeed be but a dull monotony of events. We glory in the melodious serenades, to which we are treated and offer the choice bits of our "feasts" as slight tokens of our appreciation.

Thus ends the review of our musical achievements. As time goes on, so will our reputation in the musical world; and we are sure that whatever is to be found in any University in a musical line, can be found in its highest degree of excellence in old K. S. U.

Wanted—by Miss McClure—a gym key. We advise her to look in the sugar bowl at the University stand.

Prof. Farquhar (explaining why too much eating is the cause of sadness). Did you experience that feeling after Thanksgiving, Miss Hughes?

Miss Hughes:—I stayed here.—nuf said.

What would State University be without:—

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Snow's "beg pardon."

Prof. Maxon's "anybody with a common garden variety of intellect could learn Chemistry."

Ask "Cherub" Taylor about the quotation "if the shoe fits, wear it."

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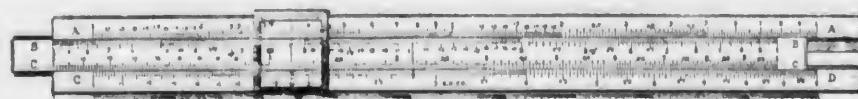
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Judge Mulligan as "Joker", Dean Anderson, as "Right Bower," Prof. "Cocoon Cola" Wilson, as "Left Bower," Prof. Frankel, as Ace of Clubs, Prof. Wilhoit, as Jack of Hearts, Prof. Noilau, as King of Diamonds, J. S. Horine, as King of Hearts, F. J. Hudgins, as Ace of Spades, and Uncle Joe Dicker, as King of Clubs, will tell the boys many stunts of the "game". A large time is anticipated as some startling announcements of a few more of the Seniors who have withdrawn from the W. C. T. U.

LYCEUM COURSE.

Mr. Sparr has made arrangements with the Lyceum Bureau to give a series of lectures here in January, February, March and April.

The men who shall lecture here are some of the most promising orators in the country and their lectures will prove very interesting and instructive. Gov. Mansfield, of Miss., Prof. W. B. Tripp, of Boston, Senator Bob Taylor, and Dr. Frank Dixon, of Chicago, are the men who shall give the lectures.

In order that the men may pay expenses who have charge of the contract, 350 season tickets must be sold. These tickets are very cheap, the season tickets costing only \$1.25. About 250 have been sold to date, Sayre College taking 46 tickets alone, with the rest of the schools to hear from. It is seldom that we have the opportunity to hear such men as these, and all come to us with the very best recommendations. Anyone who fails to hear these lectures shall miss a rare treat indeed.

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The first one presented was "A Game of Comedy", built up around the cyclonic and eccentric French actor Anatole Fromont. Next came "Tenue" - Biterness - by Francois Coppée and conceded to be the most beautiful one-act play ever written. We succeeded in drawing a crowd which far exceeded our wildest dreams and its appreciative attention went far toward inspiring our best efforts. We are already seeing new worlds to conquer here at Sayre and trust all will come to our next performance.

Last week Miss Ruth Niemeyer was called to her home in Little Rock, Arkansas by the sudden death of her father.

Misses Marie and Hazel Fischer returned to Sayre College Dec. 12th, after having been called home on account of the death of their grandmother.

On Friday evening, Dec. 9th, a delightful recital was given by the students of Sayre. We were glad to see

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 13th there so many town people present. will be a parlor recital at Sayre for the benefit of the pupils and faculty.

On Thursday, December 15th, Sayre will have a Christmas party. A large Christmas tree will be provided, each girl presenting her room-mate a toy, suitable to her hobby. After the frolic is over the toys will be sent to the Orphans' Home.

Quite a number of the boarding pupils at Sayre expect to leave for their Christmas vacation on Saturday, Dec. 17th. The regular closing of school for the holidays will be Tuesday, Dec. 20th.

There are thirty-nine matriculates in the College of Mining and Engineering this session, which shows that our Kentucky boys are awakening to the fact that there are great opportunities to be had at home, and the man who is prepared is the man who will win. Practically every student in this department, down to and including some of the freshmen, found profitable employment about the mines last summer.

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There are some positive advantages about knowing Latin, that are sometimes overlooked by the chronic grumbler, whose tribe is ever increasing. The student has only to remember some of the phrases of Horace or Virgil when the cook gets pugnacious and he may relieve his feelings much without suffering from an attack of a broomstick or other hard substance. If he does not care for poetry, he may give his opinions of the opposing political candidate in the classic phrases of the Catalinian orations of Cicero without danger of a suit for slander. And this because he has had the privilege of conniving the wisdom stored up by the ancients.

Why waste time with French or German, if you never expect to leave America? Even a farmer among the hills of Eastern Kentucky would find one or both of these languages of infinite help to him when the cattle get into the corn or the mules "balked." He would express himself in the most forcible language without the least danger of hurting his wife's conscience. The field of usefulness of these languages is almost limitless along those lines. Perhaps some one of those scoffers will become convinced of his error. If such be the case, no labor or time should be grudged in setting forth the manifest advantages of such knowledge.

As to poetry, little need be said. What young man does not at some time imagine himself looking up into the eyes of a being too beautiful for this world, and wishing to say something his thick tongue can hardly express! Let him remember only a few lines of some of the master poets and behold it is done. There are things worth more than money in this planet.

Every one of our subjects of study, in fact, is of paramount importance in some time of work. What's the use of studying about boys and women and such things? His knowledge must be superficial who has no desire to know the proper names and habits of the various tribes of boys. It would be indeed a brave man who had the courage to tell the house-wife whom he was visiting, what kept him awake the previous night. However, if he gave the scientific name who would be the wiser? But to name all the benefits of the various things we study would far exceed the limits of this short article. Only a few illustrations should,

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Mr. Porter Has Miss Dean stopped worrying about that bottle yet?

Miss M---: No, she's not old enough to know better.